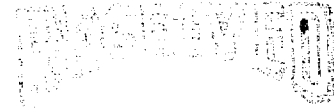


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Department of the Environment
Division of Air Quality

Dear Air Board,

As a 40 year resident of the Alexandria area, I am very familiar with the battle over the Mirant Power plant. I would love it if this plant was located farther from my home but I also realize that the power generated by the plant is essential to the Eastern Seaboard. It is disappointing to hear that the Virginia Air Board continues to fight the existence of this plant despite the fact that Mirant is proposing environmental improvements that far exceed the current standards.

Being 86 years old I have seen many changes in the area. The economic growth here has been incredible and is still continuing. For the Air Board to suggest that the closure of the plant would be beneficial for the community and the country is ludicrous. Our power needs are increasing and we are dependent on all of the companies that are generating power into the grid. I am not interested in experiencing the brown outs and black outs that those in California are forced to tolerate.

I worked for the Department of Commerce before my retirement many years ago. The work done in D.C. is of utmost importance to this country. The Mirant Power plant is a back up supplier to the city and that is why the federal government will never allow it to shut its doors. Your continued battle against the plant is useless and jeopardizes the safety of our Nation's Capital. You have already spent \$3 million of taxpayer money fighting this. Enough is enough.

It is time for the Air Board to give up this pointless battle and accept the Mirant plant as a fixture in our community. You must approve the Mirant short stack project which will improve the air quality for those living in the plant vicinity. I appreciate your attention to my request.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Scinta